

Pilot's Flying Logs of Sergt. Roy Falcy (C. R. L. Falcy DCM, MiD, MMil)

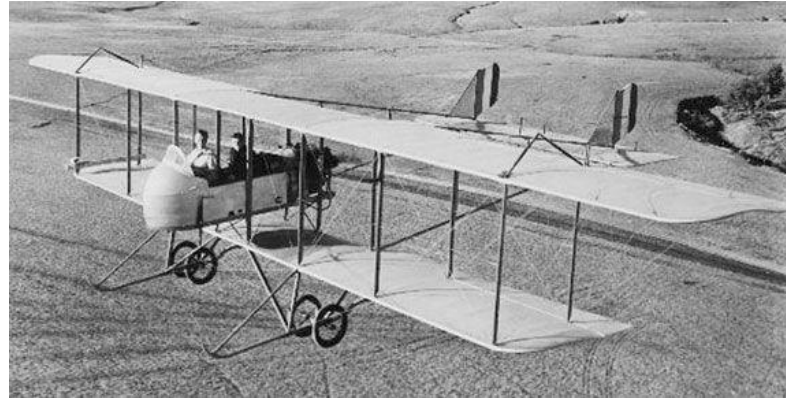
Two of Falcy's log books survive. They cover these periods on the pages below.

Book 1 – 1917, 10 March to 25 June, training in UK and service in France.

Book 2 – 1918, 13 June - 15 October with RAF 38 Squadron in France.

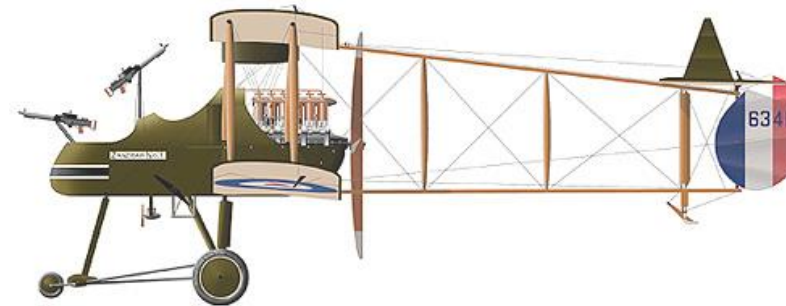
Book 1 summary

March 1917 – pilot training on a MFSH (Maurice Farman Short Horn bi-plane) similar to the one pictured here, also a De Haviland and an FE2b.



April 1917 – graduation as 1st class flyer at the Central Flying School, Upavon

10 May to 25 June 1917 – 22 Squadron in France, flying an FE2b. Practice, patrols, bomb raids, reconnaissance, photography. Following a 'special mission', awarded DCM



Book 2 summary

June 1918 – flying a FE2b with 38 Squadron, especially night flights to bomb and machine-gun enemy positions around Ostend. On the last date in this log he wrote "*Hit in head on first show*", but still managed to fly a second mission that night!

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PILOT'S FLYING
LOG BOOK.

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Date and Hour.	Wind Direction and Velocity	Machine Type and No.	Passenger	Time	Height	Course	Remarks
10. 3. 17		MFSH 4068	SELF ✓	12"		AERODROME	[CAPT. ASHTON] FEELING CONTROLS ETC.
11. 3. 17		MFSH 2176	SELF ✓	10"		AERODROME	[CAPT. ASHTON] TOOK PARTIAL CONTROL
11. 3. 17		MFSH 2176	SELF SELF ✓	20"		AERODROME	[CAPT. ASHTON] TOOK CONTROL
11. 3. 17		MFSH 2176	SELF ✓	10"		AERODROME	[CAPT. ASHTON] TOOK CONTROL
11. 3. 17		MFSH 910	SOLO ✓	25"		AERODROME CIRCUITS [2]	[SOLO] SATISFACTORY 2 LANDINGS.
12. 3. 17		MFSH 7363	SOLO ✓	10"		AERODROME CIRCUIT	[SOLO] 1 LANDING. SATISFACTORY
12. 3. 17		MFSH 9921	SOLO ✓	20"		2 AERODROME CIRCUITS	[SOLO] 2 LANDINGS SATISFACTORY

Date and Hour.	Wind Direction and Velocity	Machine Type and No.	Passenger	Time	Height	Course	Remarks
12. 3. 17		MFSH 910	SOLO ✓	30"	1200	AERODROME	2 LANDINGS [SOLO] SATISFACTORY
12. 3. 17		MFSH 910	SOLO ✓	25°	1000	AERODROME	SOLO 2 LANDINGS Checked with School
<i>Co. Auditor (Capt.)</i> <i>P.C.A. Flight</i>						Flying Records - GVS	
						TOTAL TIME INSTRUCTION ✓	52 ✓ MIN
						do do SOLO ✓ 1 HR	50 ✓ MIN
						do do W/E. 12-3-17 ✓ 2 HRS	42 ✓ MIN
13. 3. 17.		MFSH 7363	SOLO ✓	20'	500	AERODROME	2 LANDINGS.
"		MFSH 7363	SOLO ✓	15'	300	AERODROME	2 LANDINGS
14. 3. 17		MFSH 7363	SOLO ✓	60'	500	AERODROME	5 LANDINGS

Date and Hour.	Wind Direction and Velocity	Machine Type and No.	Passenger	Time	Height	Course	Remarks
14. 3. 17		MFSH 7363	SOLO ✓	15'	500	AERODROME	1 LANDING
15. 3. 17		MFSH 910	SOLO ✓	45'	500.	AERODROME	4 LANDINGS
15. 3. 17		MFSH 910	SOLO ✓	35'	500.	AERODROME	2 LANDINGS
16. 3. 17		MFSH 2176	SELF ✓	20'	500.	AERODROME CIRCUITS	[CAPT. ASHTON] LETTING OUT AERIAL 5 TIMES.
16. 3. 17		MFSH 910	SOLO ✓	15'	500.	AERODROME	1 LANDING.
16. 3. 17		MFSH 910	SOLO ✓	15	300	AERODROME	2 LANDINGS.
17. 3. 17		MFSH 7363	SOLO ✓	35'	300	AERODROME	3 LANDINGS.

Date and Hour.	Wind Direction and Velocity	Machine Type and No.	Passenger	Time	Height	Course	Remarks
17. 3. 17	MFSH 7363	MFSH 7363	SOLO ✓	30'	500	LARGE CIRCUITS	2 LANDINGS.
18. 3. 17		MFSH 7363	SOLO ✓	35'	500	AERODROME	3 LANDINGS.
19. 3. 17		MFSH 7363	SOLO ✓	20'	500'	AERODROME	2 LANDINGS.
<p>Checked with School</p> <p>Flying Records - GVS</p> <p>TOTAL TIME INSTRUCTION ✓ 1^{HR} 12^{MIN}</p> <p>TOTAL TIME SOLO ✓ 7^{HRS} 30^{MIN}</p> <p>TOTAL TIME W/E 19. 3. 17. ✓ 6^{HRS} 0</p>							
20. 3. 17		MFSH 910	SOLO ✓	30'	500	AERODROME	3 LANDINGS
22. 3. 17		MFSH 9921	SOLO ✓	30'	500	AERODROME	2 LANDINGS.

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Date and Hour.	Wind Direction and Velocity	Machine Type and No.	Passenger	Time	Height	Course	Remarks
						TOTAL TIME INSTRUCTION	✓ 1. 12 ^{HR} 30 ^M
						" " SOLO	✓ 8. 30 ^{HR} 30 ^M
						" " W.E. 26.3.17	✓ 1. 1. 1 ^{HR}
						Checked with School Flying Records - GVS	
						<i>Alcock</i> ACTING ADJUTANT No. 2 R.S. ROYAL FLYING CORPS.	
2. 4. 17.	DH. 1621	SELF	25'	3000 ft	LARGE AERODROME	[LT. RAPER]	FEELING CONTROLS
					CIRCUITS		IN FRONT SEAT
2. 4. 17	D.H. 1628	SELF	30'	4000 ft	LARGE AERODROME	[LT. DE ROCHIE]	TOOK PARTIAL CONTROL
					CIRCUITS		IN FRONT SEAT
						Total time dual W/E 2.4.17	MIN. 55
						Total time solo W/E 2.4.17	NIL
						Total time solo since commencement	8. 30 ^{HRS} 30 ^{MIN}

Date and Hour	Wind Direction and Velocity	Machine Type and No.	Passenger	Time	Height	Course	Remarks
4. 4. 17		D.H. 1621	Solo	35'		Aerodrome	[LT. RAPER] TOOK CONTROL IN BACK SEAT.
4. 4. 17		D.H. 5211	Solo	20'		Aerodrome	[CAPT. MORTON] Took control, back seat.
4. 4. 17		D.H. 1621	SOLO	40'		Aerodrome	SOLO. 2 Landings Satisfactory
4. 4. 17		D.H. 1628	SOLO	80'		Aerodrome	10 Landings. Good.
6. 4. 17		D.H. 4623	SOLO	30'		Aerodrome	2 Landings
6. 4. 17		1621 D.H.	SOLO	30'		Aerodrome	3 Landings
6. 4. 17		D.H. 4623	SOLO	40'	5000	Large Aerodrome Circuits	Altitude Test. 5000 ft [Passed] 1 landing: lost engine at 5000.

Date and Hour	Wind Direction and Velocity	Machine Type and No.	Passenger	Time	Height	Course	Remarks
6. 4. 17.		D.H. 4623	Solo	40'	3000	Aerodrome	Spiral. 1 landing
Total time DUAL							D.H. 1 ^{HR} 50 ^{MIN}
" " SOLO							" 4 ^{HRS} 20 ^{MIN}
" " SOLO							since commencement } 12 ^{HRS} 50 ^{MIN}
							sent.
8. 4. 17.		F.E. 7673	SELF	25'	1000	Aerodrome Circuits	[SERGT. BUSH] Instruction on F.E.'s 3 Landings
8. 4. 17.		F.E. 7673	SOLO	50'	1000	Aerodrome	6 Landings, SOLO. [Satisfactory]
9. 4. 17.		F.E. 4987	SOLO	40'	2000	Local.	1 landing.
9. 4. 17.		F.E. 4987	SOLO	30'	3000	Local.	Snw. 1 Landing.
Total Time Dual F.E.						W/E 9.4.17	25min
" SOLO F.E.						W/E 9.4.17.	2. 0
" SOLO since commencement }							<u>14. 50.</u>

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COMD. HQ. 10 DEFENSE SQUADRON,
ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE.

Date and Hour	Wind Direction and Velocity	Machine Type and No.	Passenger	Time	Height	Course	Remarks
April 11. 17		FE 4987	Cadet ME 744	30'	1500	Local	Engine failure. Smashed machine on landing.
" 12		FE 5208	Solo	35'		Local	2 Landings
"		FE 4280	Solo	5'		Aerodrome	Magneto trouble: only one mag firing.
" 13		FE 4280	Solo	60'		Local	3 Landings
"		D.H.	Solo	2 hrs		Northolt, etc. [Cross-Country]	On way to Farnborough but could not proceed owing to weather.
" 15		FE 4972	Solo	30'	3000	Cross-Country to Farnborough.	Engine trouble over working. Forced landing at Sutton Place. Distributor + plugs dirty. Capt. C. Hamilton flew machine back at 6 p.m.

Date and Hour	Wind Direction and Velocity	Machine Type and No.	Passenger	Time	Height	Course	Remarks
April 16 th 17		F.E. 4280	SOLO	50'	2000	Aerodrome circuits	2 Landings
					Total time in air W/E 16.4.17	5 Hrs 30 min	
					Total time solo W/E " " "	5 " 30	
					Total time solo since Commencement.	20 HRS 20 MIN	
							<p><i>E. Dusham</i> CAPTAIN, ADJUTANT NO. 19 RESERVE SQUADRON, ROYAL FLYING CORPS.</p>
18.4.17		5208 FE		20			NIGHT FLYING. 2 Landings
19.4.17		4972 FE		20			1 L.
20.4.17		D.H. 1629		1-0			Formation flying
"		"		2-20			Passengers 7 Landings
"		D.H. 4634		30.			" 1 "
"		D.H. 4623		25.			" 1 "
21.4.17		4623.		1-0			" 4 "
					TIME IN AIR W/E 23.4.17 =	5 HRS 55 MINS.	
					" SOLO " =	5 " 55 "	
					" SOLO SINCE COMMENCEMENT =	26 " 15 "	
							<p><i>E. Dusham</i> CAPTAIN, ADJUTANT No. 19 RESERVE SQUADRON, ROYAL FLYING CORPS.</p>

Date and Hour	Wind Direction and Velocity	Machine Type and No.	Passenger	Time	Height	Course	Remarks
							Total in England
							<u>SOLO.</u>
						MFSH	8 . 30
						De Hav.	11 . 35
						FE2B	6 . 10
							<u>26 . 15</u>
						[Left England May 5th]	
						Joined No 22 Squadron in France May 10th. 1917	

Date and Hour.	Wind Direction and Velocity	Machine Type and No.	Passenger	Time	Height	Course	Remarks
May 11		A 800 FE	-	20	1000	No 12 Sgdr Aerodrome Gingon Court	Practice with new Engine [Prandtl 160 H.P.]
13.	x	A 796	AM Otter	155	10,200	Defensive Patrol Canby - St Quentin	Engine seized up eventually owing to overheating. Landed successfully.
15	x	A 848	AM Hurley	68'	9000	Def. Patrol St-Q. - Canby ai	Washed out by leader after 1 hour owing to clouds & storm. Spun all 6000 feet to aerodrome.
15		A 848	AM Hurley	40'	2000	Aerodrome	Driving at ground target for gun practice for observer.
May 11		A 800	A Trooper 20 in the Fort Garry Horse.	20	1500	Aerodrome	Toy Ride.

Date and Hour.	Wind Direction and Velocity	Machine Type and No.	Passenger	Time	Height	Course	Remarks
May 20	4	A800	H Nelson Smith	60	6000	Patrol behind lines [Practice]	Practising formation flying.
23rd.	4	A848	AM Otter	400 50	8000	D.P.	Escort worked out
24.	4	A848	AM Otter	150	10,500 10,000	D.P.	
25	4	A848	AM Otter	135	9000	To — ?	Bomb Raid. 6 Bombs 2 failed to drop. Elevator Control cut in half by Archie; also engine singed up owing to water escape from radiator (broken clip). Glided 10 miles & reached aerodrome. Archie very active.

Date and Hour.	Wind Direction and Velocity	Machine Type and No.	Passenger	Time	Height	Course	Remarks
May 26		A 855	AM	1200	10000	Photography escort	Officer in command
			Barber	1000			
May 27	+	F.E. 4855	do	90	9000	Photography escort	-
"	+	A 800	"	130	10000	ditto	-
"		A 848	Serpt Colebrook	40	7500	To lines. St. Quentin	Ty-rise for Serpt Colebrook & testing engine (new)
28	+	A 848	AM. Hurley	185	11,000	Patrol 80° - Cambrai	Engine ok. Did "Stalls" etc on return
30	+	A 848	AM Okey	145	11,000	O.P. & Reconnaissance for train movement	Our formation had a scrap with 8 Albatrosses. We lost one Spirit and have down 3 Huns. My observer went down in the air & would not fire.

Date and Hour.	Wind Direction and Velocity	Machine Type and No.	Passenger	Time	Height	Course	Remarks
20.6.17		F.E. 5459	Hurley	26	3000	Practice photos	—
22.		A848	Sgt Lambeth	7	500	Rigging Test	after Rebuilding
22	x	do	do	10	500	Joy stick too far back: washed out & took another machine	
24	x	A848	Lambeth	152	10—	OP. & Photo	Escort.
25.	x	A848	do	165	10—	D.P. & do. do.	
22.	x	A856	do	90	10—	OP. & Escort	to Photos
21.	x	A796	do	146	10—	Escort to Photos	D.P.
Total to June 26th.						War Flying	42 ^{has} 32 ^{has}
						Other Flying	32 28

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Date and Hour.	Pilot.	Machine Type and No.	Passenger	Time.	Lowest Height.	Course.	Remarks.
June 13	14	FE 2 B 5693	H Reid	3.40	5000	Zeelvinge Mole	Direct hit with 112 lb on Railway Junction
13/15 5693	15	5693	H Reid	40	3000	Ostend Harbor	Bombed ships & used machine gun 200 yds.
16/17		6493	H Reid	2.0	2000	Ostend Harbor and thence to Foreness, Kent. Lost in mist. Arrived over Thent	Bombed & machine-gunned ships and searchlights. Direct hit with 112 lb on a dredger. 100 rounds M.G.
19/20		441	H Reid	1.0	4000	Unsuccessful	Could not cross owing to bad weather.
		No entry in		Official Rec			
July 1	2	422	H Reid	2.0	5000	—!	—!!
5/6		6493	H Reid	2.45	900	Ostend.	After bombing, made 2 attempts to land behind Hun lines, between Z. & O: driven off by machine-gun fire.

(Also: H Reid spotted Destroyer Flotilla S.W. of Ostend. 9 at anchor)

Date and Hour.	Pilot.	Machine Type and No	Passenger	Time.	Lowest Height.	Course.	Remarks.
July 6/7		6493	H.P. Pope	1.45	2000	5 miles past * Newport.	2 112-lb and 2 20-lb on beach parties & lights. Machine-gun used 150 rounds
7/8		6493	H.P. Pope	1.55	3000	Ostend Docks	2 112-lb : 2 20-lb Put out a searchlight into machine-gun fire
12/14		6493	H.P. Pope	2.5	3500	Ostend Docks	2 - 112-lb . 2. 20lb 200 Rounds M.G. Had an encounter on way back with a Scout carrying one light, whom we had challenged. He eventually got on our tail but did not fire, so believed to be Frenchman.
					17.45	* We were the only British machine flying : very dull weather. 5 started	

Date and Hour.	Pilot.	Machine Type and No.	Passenger	Time.	Lowest Height.	Course.	Remarks.
July 18/19		6493	H Rutledge	2:15	4000	Ostend	R's first trip
20/25		"	W Pope	2:25	4000	Ostend	
29/30		"	"	1:15	3000	Crossed Channel Middlebeke but did not bank	(Washed out according to records)
Aug 6/7		"	"	1:17	3000	Middlebeke	
7/8		"	"	1:35	4000	Ostend	
10/11		"	"	1:44	4000	Ostend	
11/12		"	"	2:55	4000	Ostend	
15/16		3782	"	2:10	4000	Zeelandse Mole	Engine Conked over Mole
21/22		9785		2:30	2000	Versaeneere + Stalhille Aerodrome	Cooper Bonds (10)
				35.52 292		+ Stalhille Dump	300 Round Buckingham

~~1st Forward~~ 118 + 2 ~~unsuccessful~~

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Aug 22/28 9785 4
Pope 2.5 2000

Zeelinger.
Wylkerke
aerodrom

10 loops. Had v. bad
time caught in search
light 35 min. Piece of
archie (large) carried
away, oil of tail plane
& Radiator punctured
Landed to help Everett

27.57
38

According to order Room list had done 16 Successful + 2 unsuccessful to this date

28/29
Sept 28

6493 1. Pope

37.7
38
1.40
1.30
1.20
1.10

2000

COAST

Ostend Bruges
Railway

PUSH

did 4 shows.
Dropped 9 out of 48 lbs
shows 40 min in air.

Oct 4
3

"

"

2.0
1.30

3000

Plaschendaale
etc.

2 shows

Oct 5
4

3782

"

3.1
3.1

47.45

Unsuccessful

Landed at St. Pol
Rudder on beach
Rudder jammed

Date and Hour.	Pilot.	Machine Type and No.	Passenger	Time.	Lowest Height.	Course.	Remarks.
Oct 13/14		6493	1st Pape	2.0	3000	Ostend Bridge Canal	Objective was Throat - Lichtewelde - Coolcamp road. Too hard to find.
Oct 14/15		* 6530	"	2.15 } 2.20 1.45 }		Zeelbrugge mole	Hit in head on first show by crew of Archie. We did 2 shows. Dropped 16 25-lb bombs & used gun on road & canals.
							Total 24 Successful shows.

* "A" Right machine (Capt Sargatz)

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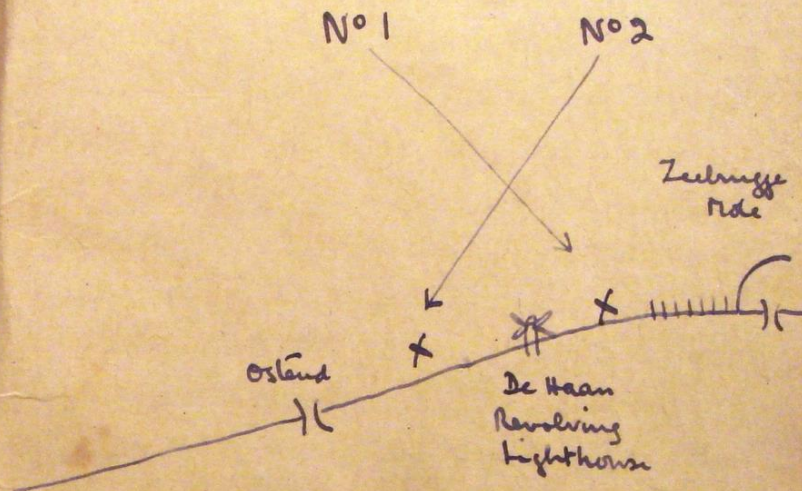
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attempted landings

July 6. 1918



Low Tide.

No Moon.

Wind W.

at No 1 Position. Machine-guns

at No 2 Position. Sentries with
rifles.

Serjt Zaley & Lieut Reid
in FE 2B. 6493.

